

**PATENT** Docket No. 24180-907000

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.R.F. §1.142

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

#### Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003, requiring a' restriction election under 35 U.S.C. §121.

The Office Action indicates that pending claims, comprise the following two distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 31-50, drawn to an article, classified in class 428, subclass 43; and
- II. Claims 51-69, drawn to a method, classified in class 264.

#### **ELECTION**

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicants elect to prosecute claim Group I (Claims 31-50). Applicants' election is not to be construed as an admission that Applicants believe any embodiment set forth in the above-identified application is obvious over any other

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embodiment set forth in the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected embodiment in divisional or other continuation application.

# CONCLUSION

Applicants asserts that this application is in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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